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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case CM-2057M

In the Matter of :  
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Cunningham et al., :  
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For Perfumed Detergent Tablet

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the US National Phase, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete current claims 1-16 and replace with the new claims 17-32 below.

17. A perfumed detergent tablet, the tablet comprising a clay mineral compound and a heavy metal ion sequestrant.

18. A perfumed detergent tablet according to Claim 17, wherein said tablet further comprises a coating.

19. A tablet according to Claim 17, wherein the clay mineral compound is present in the coating in particles having a size below 75 $\mu$ m diameter.

20. A tablet according to Claim 17, wherein the tablet is a softening tablet.

21. A tablet according to Claim 18, wherein the coating comprises the heavy metal ion sequestrant, and more preferably a heavy metal ion sequestrant selected from organic

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